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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.114

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SIR:

Responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2009, an RCE being filed herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendment, Declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 of named inventor Katsumi Yabusaki (Yabusaki Declaration) **submitted herewith**, and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Discussion of the Amendment begins on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.